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NONLINEAR OPTICAL CRYSTAL

: MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of October 7, 2004 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 13-14 and 16-24 were rejected under the newly cited patent to Marnier, U.S. 4,746,396, in view of the previously cited Russian article. However, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 13-14 and 16-24 clearly patentably distinguish over Marnier and the Russian article, to the extent that the Examiner is entitled to rely upon the Russian article.

It is noted that the Russian article is in Russian. The English language content in what is apparently the relevant section of the document is limited in its entirety to:

Summary:

The system $K_2O - Al_2O_3 - B_2O_3$ has been investigated by the X-ray method. The glass region has been determined. The system $K_2O - Al_2O_3 - B_2O_3$ is shown to have a wide range of solid solutions. The formation of three ternary compounds has been established: $K_2Al_2B_2O_7$, $K_5Al_2B_3O_{10}$ and phase --x--, whose composition is unknown.